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FOR: STEEL FOR SPRING BEING

EXCELLENT IN RESISTANCE TO

SETTING AND FATIGUE CHARACTERISTICS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Discussion of the Amendment begin on page 3 of this paper.